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from appeal, if required, is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 9-16, 19, 21, 22 and 24 without prejudice and substitute for corresponding pending claim 17, the claim as shown rewritten below with amendments effected therein. Appendix I is attached hereto having a marked version of said claim with amendments indicated by brackets and underlining.

17. (Amended) A heat-insulating container comprising:
- an injection-molded container body having
- a bottom wall,
- a circumferential wall integrally coupled to a periphery of said bottom wall and extending upwardly from said bottom wall to define an inner space and an upper end, said circumferential wall being formed by at least two circumferential wall parts, each having a different diameter, and a circumferential ledge arranged between said wall parts, said wall parts being arranged such that a diameter of said circumferential wall decreases in a direction from said upper end to said bottom wall,
- straight, vertical insulating ribs arranged on an outer surface of said circumferential wall and spaced from one another, and